

**BEFORE THE  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**In the Matter of the First Amended  
Accusation Against:**

**Sonya Raymond Murray, M.D.**

**Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. A 77254**

**Respondent.**

**Case No.: 800-2019-061131**

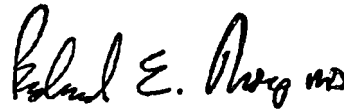
**DECISION**

**The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby  
adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department  
of Consumer Affairs, State of California.**

**This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2023.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED: January 31, 2023.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**



**Richard E. Thorp, M.D., Chair  
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OAH No. 2022020675

15 **SONYA RAYMOND MURRAY, M.D.**  
16 **6 Adele Street**  
**Ladera Ranch, CA 92694-1524**

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

17 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
18 **No. A 77254,**

19 Respondent.

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21 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
22 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

23 **PARTIES**

24 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of  
25 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this  
26 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by LeAnna E. Shields, Deputy  
27 Attorney General.

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2. Respondent Sonya Raymond Murray, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Elisa B. Wolfe-Donato, Esq., whose address is: P.O. Box 2425, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274.

3. On or about December 5, 2001, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 77254 to Respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-061131, and will expire on November 30, 2023, unless renewed.

## JURISDICTION

4. On or about February 7, 2022, the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-061131 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. On or about February 7, 2022, the First Amended Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

5. A copy of the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-061131 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and fully understands the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-061131. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with her counsel, and fully understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. Having the benefit of counsel, Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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1 **CULPABILITY**

2 9. Respondent does not contest that, at an administrative hearing, Complainant could  
3 establish a *prima facie* case with respect to each and every charge and allegation contained in the  
4 First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-061131 and agrees that she has thereby subjected her  
5 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 77254 to disciplinary action.

6 10. Respondent agrees that if she ever petitions for early termination or modification of  
7 probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against her before the  
8 Medical Board of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in the First Amended  
9 Accusation No. 800-2019-061131 shall be deemed true, correct and fully admitted by Respondent  
10 for purposes of any such proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in  
11 the State of California.

12 11. Respondent acknowledges the Disciplinary Order below, requiring the disclosure of  
13 probation pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2228.1, serves to protect the public  
14 interest.

15 12. Respondent agrees that her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 77254 is  
16 subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in  
17 the Disciplinary Order below.

18 **CONTINGENCY**

19 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to approval of the  
20 Board. The parties agree that this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be  
21 submitted to the Board for its consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the  
22 Board shall have a reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated  
23 Settlement and Disciplinary Order after receiving it. By signing this stipulation, Respondent  
24 fully understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind this  
25 stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it.

26 14. The parties agree that this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be null  
27 and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the Board, except for  
28 this paragraph, which shall remain in full force and effect. Respondent fully understands and

1 agrees that in deciding whether or not to approve and adopt this Stipulated Settlement and  
2 Disciplinary Order, the Board may receive oral and written communications from its staff and/or  
3 the Attorney General's Office. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not disqualify  
4 the Board, any member thereof, and/or any other person from future participation in this or any  
5 other matter affecting or involving Respondent. In the event that the Board does not, in its  
6 discretion, approve and adopt this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, with the  
7 exception of this paragraph, it shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value  
8 whatsoever, and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party  
9 hereto. Respondent further agrees that should this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order  
10 be rejected for any reason by the Board, Respondent will assert no claim that the Board, or any  
11 member thereof, was prejudiced by its/his/her review, discussion and/or consideration of this  
12 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order or of any matter or matters related hereto.

### 13 **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

14 15. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties herein to  
15 be an integrated writing representing the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of the  
16 agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.

17 16. The parties agree that copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order,  
18 including copies of the signatures of the parties, may be used in lieu of original documents and  
19 signatures and, further, that such copies shall have the same force and effect as originals.

20 17. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that  
21 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following  
22 Disciplinary Order:

### 23 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

24 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 77254 issued  
25 to Respondent Sonya Raymond Murray, M.D. is hereby revoked. However, the revocation is  
26 stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and  
27 conditions:

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1           1.    CLINICAL DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATIONS AND REPORTS: Within thirty (30)  
2 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and on whatever periodic basis thereafter as  
3 may be required by the Board or its designee, Respondent shall undergo and complete a clinical  
4 diagnostic evaluation, including any and all testing deemed necessary, by a Board-appointed  
5 board certified physician and surgeon. The examiner shall consider any information provided by  
6 the Board or its designee and any other information he or she deems relevant, and shall furnish a  
7 written evaluation report to the Board or its designee.

8           The clinical diagnostic evaluation shall be conducted by a licensed physician and surgeon  
9 who holds a valid, unrestricted license, has three (3) years' experience in providing evaluations of  
10 physicians and surgeons with substance abuse disorders, and is approved by the Board or its  
11 designee. The clinical diagnostic evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with acceptable  
12 professional standards for conducting substance abuse clinical diagnostic evaluations. The  
13 evaluator shall not have a current or former financial, personal, or business relationship with  
14 Respondent within the last five (5) years. The evaluator shall provide an objective, unbiased, and  
15 independent evaluation. The clinical diagnostic evaluation report shall set forth, in the  
16 evaluator's opinion, whether Respondent has a substance abuse problem, whether Respondent is a  
17 threat to himself or herself or others, and recommendations for substance abuse treatment,  
18 practice restrictions, or other recommendations related to Respondent's rehabilitation and ability  
19 to practice safely. If the evaluator determines during the evaluation process that Respondent is a  
20 threat to himself or herself or others, the evaluator shall notify the Board within twenty-four (24)  
21 hours of such a determination.

22           In formulating his or her opinion as to whether Respondent is safe to return to either part-  
23 time or full-time practice and what restrictions or recommendations should be imposed, including  
24 participation in an inpatient or outpatient treatment program, the evaluator shall consider the  
25 following factors: Respondent's license type; Respondent's history; Respondent's documented  
26 length of sobriety (i.e., length of time that has elapsed since Respondent's last substance use);  
27 Respondent's scope and pattern of substance abuse; Respondent's treatment history, medical  
28 history and current medical condition; the nature, duration and severity of Respondent's

1 substance abuse problem or problems; and whether Respondent is a threat to himself or herself or  
2 the public.

3 For all clinical diagnostic evaluations, a final written report shall be provided to the Board  
4 no later than ten (10) days from the date the evaluator is assigned the matter. If the evaluator  
5 requests additional information or time to complete the evaluation and report, an extension may  
6 be granted, but shall not exceed thirty (30) days from the date the evaluator was originally  
7 assigned the matter.

8 The Board shall review the clinical diagnostic evaluation report within five (5) business  
9 days of receipt to determine whether Respondent is safe to return to either part-time or full-time  
10 practice and what restrictions or recommendations shall be imposed on Respondent based on the  
11 recommendations made by the evaluator. Respondent shall not be returned to practice until he or  
12 she has at least thirty (30) days of negative biological fluid tests or biological fluid tests indicating  
13 that he or she has not used, consumed, ingested, or administered to himself or herself a prohibited  
14 substance, as defined in section 1361.51, subdivision (e), of Title 16 of the California Code of  
15 Regulations.

16 Clinical diagnostic evaluations conducted prior to the effective date of this Decision shall  
17 not be accepted towards the fulfillment of this requirement. The cost of the clinical diagnostic  
18 evaluation, including any and all testing deemed necessary by the examiner, the Board or its  
19 designee, shall be borne by the licensee.

20 Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine until notified by the Board or its  
21 designee that he or she is fit to practice medicine safely. The period of time that Respondent is  
22 not practicing medicine shall not be counted toward completion of the term of probation.  
23 Respondent shall undergo biological fluid testing as required in this Decision at least two (2)  
24 times per week while awaiting the notification from the Board if he or she is fit to practice  
25 medicine safely.

26 Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the examiner  
27 conducting the clinical diagnostic evaluation within fifteen (15) calendar days after being notified  
28 by the Board or its designee.

1           2.    CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - ABSTAIN FROM USE. Respondent shall abstain  
2 completely from the personal use or possession of controlled substances as defined in the  
3 California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, dangerous drugs as defined by Business and  
4 Professions Code section 4022, and any drugs requiring a prescription. This prohibition does not  
5 apply to medications lawfully prescribed to Respondent by another practitioner for a bona fide  
6 illness or condition.

7           Within 15 calendar days of receiving any lawfully prescribed medications, Respondent  
8 shall notify the Board or its designee of the: issuing practitioner's name, address, and telephone  
9 number; medication name, strength, and quantity; and issuing pharmacy name, address, and  
10 telephone number.

11           3.    ALCOHOL - ABSTAIN FROM USE. Respondent shall abstain completely from the  
12 use of products or beverages containing alcohol.

13           4.    BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING. Respondent shall immediately submit to  
14 biological fluid testing, at Respondent's expense, upon request of the Board or its designee.  
15 "Biological fluid testing" may include, but is not limited to, urine, blood, breathalyzer, hair  
16 follicle testing, or similar drug screening approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall  
17 make daily contact with the Board or its designee to determine whether biological fluid testing is  
18 required. Respondent shall be tested on the date of the notification as directed by the Board or its  
19 designee. The Board may order a Respondent to undergo a biological fluid test on any day, at  
20 any time, including weekends and holidays. Except when testing on a specific date as ordered by  
21 the Board or its designee, the scheduling of biological fluid testing shall be done on a random  
22 basis. The cost of biological fluid testing shall be borne by the Respondent.

23           During the first year of probation, Respondent shall be subject to 52 to 104 random tests.  
24 During the second year of probation and for the duration of the probationary term, up to five (5)  
25 years, Respondent shall be subject to 36 to 104 random tests per year. Only if there has been no  
26 positive biological fluid tests in the previous five (5) consecutive years of probation, may testing  
27 be reduced to one (1) time per month. Nothing precludes the Board from increasing the number  
28 of random tests to the first-year level of frequency for any reason.



1 Prior to practicing medicine, Respondent shall contract with a laboratory or service,  
2 approved in advance by the Board or its designee, that will conduct random, unannounced,  
3 observed, biological fluid testing and meets all of the following standards:

4 (a) Its specimen collectors are either certified by the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry  
5 Association or have completed the training required to serve as a collector for the United  
6 States Department of Transportation.

7 (b) Its specimen collectors conform to the current United States Department of  
8 Transportation Specimen Collection Guidelines.

9 (c) Its testing locations comply with the Urine Specimen Collection Guidelines published  
10 by the United States Department of Transportation without regard to the type of test  
11 administered.

12 (d) Its specimen collectors observe the collection of testing specimens.

13 (e) Its laboratories are certified and accredited by the United States Department of Health  
14 and Human Services.

15 (f) Its testing locations shall submit a specimen to a laboratory within one (1) business day  
16 of receipt and all specimens collected shall be handled pursuant to chain of custody  
17 procedures. The laboratory shall process and analyze the specimens and provide legally  
18 defensible test results to the Board within seven (7) business days of receipt of the  
19 specimen. The Board will be notified of non-negative results within one (1) business day  
20 and will be notified of negative test results within seven (7) business days.

21 (g) Its testing locations possess all the materials, equipment, and technical expertise  
22 necessary in order to test Respondent on any day of the week.

23 (h) Its testing locations are able to scientifically test for urine, blood, and hair specimens  
24 for the detection of alcohol and illegal and controlled substances.

25 (i) It maintains testing sites located throughout California.

26 (j) It maintains an automated 24-hour toll-free telephone system and/or a secure on-line  
27 computer database that allows the Respondent to check in daily for testing.

28 (k) It maintains a secure, HIPAA-compliant website or computer system that allows staff

1 access to drug test results and compliance reporting information that is available 24 hours a  
2 day.

3 (l) It employs or contracts with toxicologists that are licensed physicians and have  
4 knowledge of substance abuse disorders and the appropriate medical training to interpret  
5 and evaluate laboratory biological fluid test results, medical histories, and any other  
6 information relevant to biomedical information.

7 (m) It will not consider a toxicology screen to be negative if a positive result is obtained  
8 while practicing, even if the Respondent holds a valid prescription for the substance.

9 Prior to changing testing locations for any reason, including during vacation or other travel,  
10 alternative testing locations must be approved by the Board and meet the requirements above.

11 The contract shall require that the laboratory directly notify the Board or its designee of  
12 non-negative results within one (1) business day and negative test results within seven (7)  
13 business days of the results becoming available. Respondent shall maintain this laboratory or  
14 service contract during the period of probation.

15 A certified copy of any laboratory test result may be received in evidence in any  
16 proceedings between the Board and Respondent.

17 If a biological fluid test result indicates Respondent has used, consumed, ingested, or  
18 administered to himself or herself a prohibited substance, the Board shall order Respondent to  
19 cease practice and instruct Respondent to leave any place of work where Respondent is practicing  
20 medicine or providing medical services. The Board shall immediately notify all of Respondent's  
21 employers, supervisors and work monitors, if any, that Respondent may not practice medicine or  
22 provide medical services while the cease-practice order is in effect.

23 A biological fluid test will not be considered negative if a positive result is obtained while  
24 practicing, even if the practitioner holds a valid prescription for the substance. If no prohibited  
25 substance use exists, the Board shall lift the cease-practice order within one (1) business day.

26 After the issuance of a cease-practice order, the Board shall determine whether the positive  
27 biological fluid test is in fact evidence of prohibited substance use by consulting with the  
28 specimen collector and the laboratory, communicating with the licensee, his or her treating

1 physician(s), other health care provider, or group facilitator, as applicable.

2 For purposes of this condition, the terms “biological fluid testing” and “testing” mean the  
3 acquisition and chemical analysis of a Respondent’s urine, blood, breath, or hair.

4 For purposes of this condition, the term “prohibited substance” means an illegal drug, a  
5 lawful drug not prescribed or ordered by an appropriately licensed health care provider for use by  
6 Respondent and approved by the Board, alcohol, or any other substance the Respondent has been  
7 instructed by the Board not to use, consume, ingest, or administer to himself or herself.

8 If the Board confirms that a positive biological fluid test is evidence of use of a prohibited  
9 substance, Respondent has committed a major violation, as defined in section 1361.52(a), and the  
10 Board shall impose any or all of the consequences set forth in section 1361.52(b), in addition to  
11 any other terms or conditions the Board determines are necessary for public protection or to  
12 enhance Respondent’s rehabilitation.

13 5. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS. Within thirty (30) days of  
14 the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee, for its  
15 prior approval, the name of a substance abuse support group which he or she shall attend for the  
16 duration of probation. Respondent shall attend substance abuse support group meetings at least  
17 once per week, or as ordered by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall pay all substance  
18 abuse support group meeting costs.

19 The facilitator of the substance abuse support group meeting shall have a minimum of three  
20 (3) years’ experience in the treatment and rehabilitation of substance abuse, and shall be licensed  
21 or certified by the state or nationally certified organizations. The facilitator shall not have a  
22 current or former financial, personal, or business relationship with Respondent within the last five  
23 (5) years. Respondent’s previous participation in a substance abuse group support meeting led by  
24 the same facilitator does not constitute a prohibited current or former financial, personal, or  
25 business relationship.

26 The facilitator shall provide a signed document to the Board or its designee showing  
27 Respondent’s name, the group name, the date and location of the meeting, Respondent’s  
28 attendance, and Respondent’s level of participation and progress. The facilitator shall report any

1 unexcused absence by Respondent from any substance abuse support group meeting to the Board,  
2 or its designee, within twenty-four (24) hours of the unexcused absence.

3 6. WORKSITE MONITOR FOR SUBSTANCE-ABUSING LICENSEE. Within thirty  
4 (30) calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or  
5 its designee for prior approval as a worksite monitor, the name and qualifications of one or more  
6 licensed physician and surgeon, other licensed health care professional if no physician and  
7 surgeon is available, or, as approved by the Board or its designee, a person in a position of  
8 authority who is capable of monitoring the Respondent at work.

9 The worksite monitor shall not have a current or former financial, personal, or familial  
10 relationship with Respondent, or any other relationship that could reasonably be expected to  
11 compromise the ability of the monitor to render impartial and unbiased reports to the Board or its  
12 designee. If it is impractical for anyone but Respondent's employer to serve as the worksite  
13 monitor, this requirement may be waived by the Board or its designee, however, under no  
14 circumstances shall Respondent's worksite monitor be an employee or supervisee of the licensee.

15 The worksite monitor shall have an active unrestricted license with no disciplinary action  
16 within the last five (5) years, and shall sign an affirmation that he or she has reviewed the terms  
17 and conditions of Respondent's disciplinary order and agrees to monitor Respondent as set forth  
18 by the Board or its designee.

19 Respondent shall pay all worksite monitoring costs.

20 The worksite monitor shall have face-to-face contact with Respondent in the work  
21 environment on as frequent a basis as determined by the Board or its designee, but not less than  
22 once per week; interview other staff in the office regarding Respondent's behavior, if requested  
23 by the Board or its designee; and review Respondent's work attendance.

24 The worksite monitor shall verbally report any suspected substance abuse to the Board and  
25 Respondent's employer or supervisor within one (1) business day of occurrence. If the suspected  
26 substance abuse does not occur during the Board's normal business hours, the verbal report shall  
27 be made to the Board or its designee within one (1) hour of the next business day. A written  
28 report that includes the date, time, and location of the suspected abuse; Respondent's actions; and

1 any other information deemed important by the worksite monitor shall be submitted to the Board  
2 or its designee within 48 hours of the occurrence.

3 The worksite monitor shall complete and submit a written report monthly or as directed by  
4 the Board or its designee which shall include the following: (1) Respondent's name and  
5 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate number; (2) the worksite monitor's name and signature; (3)  
6 the worksite monitor's license number, if applicable; (4) the location or location(s) of the  
7 worksite; (5) the dates Respondent had face-to-face contact with the worksite monitor; (6) the  
8 names of worksite staff interviewed, if applicable; (7) a report of Respondent's work attendance;  
9 (8) any change in Respondent's behavior and/or personal habits; and (9) any indicators that can  
10 lead to suspected substance abuse by Respondent. Respondent shall complete any required  
11 consent forms and execute agreements with the approved worksite monitor and the Board, or its  
12 designee, authorizing the Board, or its designee, and worksite monitor to exchange information.

13 If the worksite monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within five (5)  
14 calendar days of such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior  
15 approval, the name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that  
16 responsibility within fifteen (15) calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a  
17 replacement monitor within sixty (60) calendar days of the resignation or unavailability of the  
18 monitor, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the  
19 practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall  
20 cease the practice of medicine until a replacement monitor is approved and assumes monitoring  
21 responsibility.

22 7. VIOLATION OF PROBATION CONDITION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSING  
23 LICENSEES. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of  
24 probation.

25 A. If Respondent commits a major violation of probation as defined by section  
26 1361.52, subdivision (a), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take  
27 one or more of the following actions:

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1 (1) Issue an immediate cease-practice order and order Respondent to undergo a clinical  
2 diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of  
3 Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, at Respondent's expense. The cease-practice  
4 order issued by the Board or its designee shall state that Respondent must test negative for at least  
5 a month of continuous biological fluid testing before being allowed to resume practice. For  
6 purposes of determining the length of time a Respondent must test negative while undergoing  
7 continuous biological fluid testing following issuance of a cease-practice order, a month is  
8 defined as thirty calendar (30) days. Respondent may not resume the practice of medicine until  
9 notified in writing by the Board or its designee that he or she may do so.

10 (2) Increase the frequency of biological fluid testing.

11 (3) Refer Respondent for further disciplinary action, such as suspension, revocation, or  
12 other action as determined by the Board or its designee.

13 B. If Respondent commits a minor violation of probation as defined by section  
14 1361.52, subdivision (c), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take  
15 one or more of the following actions:

16 (1) Issue a cease-practice order;

17 (2) Order practice limitations;

18 (3) Order or increase supervision of Respondent;

19 (4) Order increased documentation;

20 (5) Issue a citation and fine, or a warning letter;

21 (6) Order Respondent to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in  
22 accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of Title 16 of the California Code of  
23 Regulations, at Respondent's expense;

24 (7) Take any other action as determined by the Board or its designee.

25 C. Nothing in this Decision shall be considered a limitation on the Board's authority  
26 to revoke Respondent's probation if he or she has violated any term or condition of probation. If  
27 Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the  
28 opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was

1 stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed  
2 against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter  
3 is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

4 8. EDUCATION COURSE. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this  
5 Decision, and on an annual basis thereafter, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee  
6 for its prior approval educational program(s) or course(s) which shall not be less than 40 hours  
7 per year, for each year of probation. The educational program(s) or course(s) shall be aimed at  
8 correcting any areas of deficient practice or knowledge and shall be Category I certified. The  
9 educational program(s) or course(s) shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to  
10 the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure. Following the  
11 completion of each course, the Board or its designee may administer an examination to test  
12 Respondent's knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide proof of attendance for 65  
13 hours of CME of which 40 hours were in satisfaction of this condition.

14 9. PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE). Within 60 calendar days of  
15 the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program, that  
16 meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358.1.  
17 Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall  
18 provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall  
19 successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after  
20 Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the  
21 time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom  
22 component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in  
23 addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

24 A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the  
25 Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board  
26 or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program would have  
27 been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the effective date of  
28 this Decision.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the program or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

10. PSYCHOTHERAPY. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval the name and qualifications of a California-licensed board certified psychiatrist or a licensed psychologist who has a doctoral degree in psychology and at least five years of postgraduate experience in the diagnosis and treatment of emotional and mental disorders. Upon approval, Respondent shall undergo and continue psychotherapy treatment, including any modifications to the frequency of psychotherapy, until the Board or its designee deems that no further psychotherapy is necessary.

The psychotherapist shall consider any information provided by the Board or its designee and any other information the psychotherapist deems relevant and shall furnish a written evaluation report to the Board or its designee. Respondent shall cooperate in providing the psychotherapist with any information and documents that the psychotherapist may deem pertinent.

Respondent shall have the treating psychotherapist submit quarterly status reports to the Board or its designee. The Board or its designee may require Respondent to undergo psychiatric evaluations by a Board-appointed board certified psychiatrist. If, prior to the completion of probation, Respondent is found to be mentally unfit to resume the practice of medicine without restrictions, the Board shall retain continuing jurisdiction over Respondent's license and the period of probation shall be extended until the Board determines that Respondent is mentally fit to resume the practice of medicine without restrictions.

Respondent shall pay the cost of all psychotherapy and psychiatric evaluations.

11. MONITORING - PRACTICE. Within 30 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval as a practice monitor, the name and qualifications of one or more licensed physicians and surgeons whose licenses are valid and in good standing, and who are preferably American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) certified. A monitor shall have no prior or current business or personal



1 relationship with Respondent, or other relationship that could reasonably be expected to  
2 compromise the ability of the monitor to render fair and unbiased reports to the Board, including  
3 but not limited to any form of bartering, shall be in Respondent's field of practice, and must agree  
4 to serve as Respondent's monitor. Respondent shall pay all monitoring costs.

5 The Board or its designee shall provide the approved monitor with copies of the Decision(s)  
6 and Accusation(s), and a proposed monitoring plan. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of the  
7 Decision(s), Accusation(s), and proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a signed  
8 statement that the monitor has read the Decision(s) and Accusation(s), fully understands the role  
9 of a monitor, and agrees or disagrees with the proposed monitoring plan. If the monitor disagrees  
10 with the proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a revised monitoring plan with the  
11 signed statement for approval by the Board or its designee.

12 Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and continuing throughout  
13 probation, Respondent's practice shall be monitored by the approved monitor. Respondent shall  
14 make all records available for immediate inspection and copying on the premises by the monitor  
15 at all times during business hours and shall retain the records for the entire term of probation.

16 If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a monitor within 60 calendar days of the effective  
17 date of this Decision, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to  
18 cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent  
19 shall cease the practice of medicine until a monitor is approved to provide monitoring  
20 responsibility.

21 The monitor(s) shall submit a quarterly written report to the Board or its designee which  
22 includes an evaluation of Respondent's performance, indicating whether Respondent's practices  
23 are within the standards of practice of medicine, and whether Respondent is practicing medicine  
24 safely. It shall be the sole responsibility of Respondent to ensure that the monitor submits the  
25 quarterly written reports to the Board or its designee within 10 calendar days after the end of the  
26 preceding quarter.

27 If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within 5 calendar days of  
28 such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, the

1 name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that responsibility within  
2 15 calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a replacement monitor within 60  
3 calendar days of the resignation or unavailability of the monitor, Respondent shall receive a  
4 notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3)  
5 calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine until a  
6 replacement monitor is approved and assumes monitoring responsibility.

7 In lieu of a monitor, Respondent may participate in a professional enhancement program  
8 approved in advance by the Board or its designee that includes, at minimum, quarterly chart  
9 review, semi-annual practice assessment, and semi-annual review of professional growth and  
10 education. Respondent shall participate in the professional enhancement program at  
11 Respondent's expense during the term of probation.

12 12. NOTICE OF EMPLOYER OR SUPERVISOR INFORMATION. Within seven (7)  
13 days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall provide to the Board the names,  
14 physical addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of any and all employers and  
15 supervisors. Respondent shall also provide specific, written consent for the Board, Respondent's  
16 work site monitor, and Respondent's employers and supervisors to communicate regarding  
17 Respondent's work status, performance, and monitoring.

18 For purposes of this section, "supervisors" shall include the Chief of Staff and Health or  
19 Well Being Committee Chair, or equivalent, if applicable, when the Respondent has medical staff  
20 privileges.

21 13. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the  
22 Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the  
23 Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to  
24 Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine,  
25 including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief  
26 Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to  
27 Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15

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1 calendar days. This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or  
2 insurance carrier.

3 14. PATIENT DISCLOSURE. Before a patient's first visit following the effective date  
4 of this order and while the respondent is on probation, the respondent must provide all patients, or  
5 patient's guardian or health care surrogate, with a separate disclosure that includes the  
6 respondent's probation status, the length of the probation, the probation end date, all practice  
7 restrictions placed on the respondent by the board, the board's telephone number, and an  
8 explanation of how the patient can find further information on the respondent's probation on the  
9 respondent's profile page on the board's website. Respondent shall obtain from the patient, or the  
10 patient's guardian or health care surrogate, a separate, signed copy of that disclosure. Respondent  
11 shall not be required to provide a disclosure if any of the following applies: (1) The patient is  
12 unconscious or otherwise unable to comprehend the disclosure and sign the copy of the disclosure  
13 and a guardian or health care surrogate is unavailable to comprehend the disclosure and sign the  
14 copy; (2) The visit occurs in an emergency room or an urgent care facility or the visit is  
15 unscheduled, including consultations in inpatient facilities; (3) Respondent is not known to the  
16 patient until immediately prior to the start of the visit; (4) Respondent does not have a direct  
17 treatment relationship with the patient.

18 15. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE  
19 NURSES. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and  
20 advanced practice nurses.

21 16. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules  
22 governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court  
23 ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.

24 17. INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY. Respondent is hereby  
25 ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement, including, but not  
26 limited to, expert review, amended accusations, legal reviews, and investigation(s), as applicable,  
27 in the amount of \$7,000.00 (seven thousand dollars). Costs shall be payable to the Medical Board  
28 of California. Failure to pay such costs shall be considered a violation of probation.

1 Payment must be made in full within 30 calendar days of the effective date of the Order, or  
2 by a payment plan approved by the Medical Board of California. Any and all requests for a  
3 payment plan shall be submitted in writing by respondent to the Board. Failure to comply with  
4 the payment plan shall be considered a violation of probation.

5 The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of the responsibility  
6 to repay investigation and enforcement costs, including expert review costs (if applicable).

7 18. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations  
8 under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been  
9 compliance with all the conditions of probation.

10 Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end  
11 of the preceding quarter.

12 19. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

13 Compliance with Probation Unit

14 Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit.

15 Address Changes

16 Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and  
17 residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such  
18 addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no  
19 circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business  
20 and Professions Code section 2021, subdivision (b).

21 Place of Practice

22 Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's or patient's place  
23 of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed  
24 facility.

25 License Renewal

26 Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's  
27 license.

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1        Travel or Residence Outside California

2        Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any  
3 areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty  
4 (30) calendar days.

5        In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice  
6 Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of  
7 departure and return.

8        20. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE. Respondent shall be  
9 available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the  
10 probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.

11        21. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or  
12 its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than  
13 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is  
14 defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine as defined in Business and  
15 Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct  
16 patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. If  
17 Respondent resides in California and is considered to be in non-practice, Respondent shall  
18 comply with all terms and conditions of probation. All time spent in an intensive training  
19 program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-  
20 practice and does not relieve Respondent from complying with all the terms and conditions of  
21 probation. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while  
22 on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be  
23 considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a  
24 period of non-practice.

25        In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar  
26 months, Respondent shall successfully complete the Federation of State Medical Board's Special  
27 Purpose Examination, or, at the Board's discretion, a clinical competence assessment program

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1 that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model  
2 Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

3 Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

4 Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

5 Periods of non-practice for a Respondent residing outside of California will relieve  
6 Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the  
7 exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws;  
8 General Probation Requirements; Quarterly Declarations; Abstain from the Use of Alcohol and/or  
9 Controlled Substances; and Biological Fluid Testing.

10 22. COMPLETION OF PROBATION. Respondent shall comply with all financial  
11 obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the  
12 completion of probation. This term does not include cost recovery, which is due within 30  
13 calendar days of the effective date of the Order, or by a payment plan approved by the Medical  
14 Board and timely satisfied. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate  
15 shall be fully restored.

16 23. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition  
17 of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the  
18 Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and  
19 carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation,  
20 or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have  
21 continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until  
22 the matter is final.

23 24. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if  
24 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy  
25 the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.  
26 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in  
27 determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate  
28 and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent

1 shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its  
2 designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject  
3 to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the  
4 application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

5 25. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS. Respondent shall pay the costs associated  
6 with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which  
7 may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of  
8 California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar  
9 year.

10 26. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for  
11 a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care  
12 licensing action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in  
13 the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-061131 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and  
14 admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding  
15 seeking to deny or restrict license.

16 ACCEPTANCE

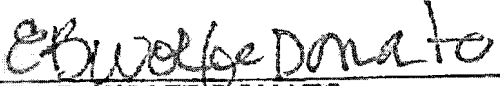
17 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully  
18 discussed it with my attorney, Elisa B. Wolfe-Donato, Esq. I fully understand the stipulation and  
19 the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated  
20 Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be  
21 bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

22 DATED: 8/30/2022

  
23 SONYA RAYMOND MURRAY, M.D.  
Respondent

24 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Sonya Raymond Murray, M.D., the terms  
25 and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary  
26 Order. I approve its form and content.

27 DATED: 8-31-2022

  
28 ELISA B. WOLFE-DONATO  
Attorney for Respondent

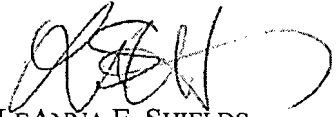
**ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

DATED: Aug. 31, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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